COLLEGE OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE: MAY 20TH, 2015
HELD AT MELITTA USA

Members in attendance

Christy Boucher, Bill Cross, Alberto Contreras, Joseph Cuenco, Muslim Gadiwalla, Mike Gordon, Shane Hamilton, Mayra Harley, John Long, Steve Marcinek, Chris Paul, Chrissy Risberg, Nancy Russell, Harold Schomaker, Sharon Setterlind, Darlene Westberg, Brad Yourth

A tour of the Melitta facility was given after the meeting.

Minutes of the last Advisory Committee Meeting were approved.

Spring Capstone

Dr. Cross reviewed the Spring Capstone. Dr. Cross thanked the Advisory Committee for their support of and commitment to the Capstone program. He felt that this year's Capstone was successful, with all students passing the class. He also stated that students taking the exit questionnaire felt that it had been a positive experience, with most student's placing especial value on the Enterprise Experience. Local business's that sponsored Capstone students also reported a positive experience. Dr. Cross also stated that this spring's Capstone an improvement over the Fall presentations. A member of the committee said they noticed improvement at each Capstone. Dr. Cross noted that there has been a problem in the past with different Capstone teams presenting the same case study, but thinks he may have found a solution to the problem. Dean Setterlind informed the group that a third Capstone class is being added to the program, so that students can have more time to interact with their instructor. She also suggested that a limit may be placed on the number of students who can enroll in Capstone in the future. The Dean has suggested that in the future, members of the Advisory Committee be briefed ahead of time on the case studies students will be presenting, as the Committee is acting as the "Board of Directors" for each presentation.

Advisory Committee Video Project

At the last meeting of the Advisory Committee, idea was discussed of highlighting members of the Advisory Committee, and all they do for the college, in a series of short videos that would be used at college events and info sessions. Committee member Mayra Harley had offered the services of her company, SMC software, to do the video spots. Mayra brought the co-owner of her company, Mike Harley, and videographer/editor/producer Manda to the meeting to give some information about their company, and offer input on the creation of these videos. It was decided that each video should be approximately 30 seconds long. Members discussed where videos should be filmed and what material they would cover. It was decided that each video

will be shot at the Committee member's company. Sharon said she wanted this series of videos to highlight the Advisory Committee members; what they do for the college, and what the college does for them. She would like to have the videos ready to show at the Advisory Committee Appreciation Breakfast in September. The Dean will get in touch with those Committee members who were not in attendance at the meeting and ask if they agree with the idea of the videos. Then she will have Christy Boucher get in touch with Advisory Committee members and set up a schedule for taping the video spots. This will be provided to Manda at SMC Software, who will be doing the recording, editing and production of the videos.

Internships

The Dean informed the Committee that we have 65 interns in our Internship Program for the Summer Semester. Nancy Russell added that about 30 of those interns have already been placed. The Dean asked Committee members to help spread word to local businesses about our Internship Program. Steve Marcinek suggested that if the HR process could be made smoother, it would be easier to get large companies to sponsor our interns. Issues of insurance and liability for student interns keeps some companies from taking advantage of internship programs. It was suggested that our department ask other departments with internship programs how they deal with this problem.

Industry Certification

The Dean spoke to the Advisory Committee about the college's push for industry certification, and the fact that we will now be embedding preparation for industry certification exams in our curriculum. Holly Hoopes spoke about some of the challenges she encountered while doing a pilot of the industry certification curriculum during the last eight weeks of the Spring Semester. Several Committee members stated that while Microsoft, the CCNA and other higher level certifications were desirable, the lower level certifications (such as A+) were not something they considered when looking at candidates for employment. Mr. Contreras suggested that we should come up with a list of relevant foundation certifications to embed in our courses (such as ITIL Foundations and Ethical Hacking).

Cyber-Security

The Dean announced that the title of the IT Security A.S. will be changed to Cyber-Security, and she is asking to have the title of the IT Security sub-plan changed as well.

The Cyber-Security discussion will be scheduled for the next Advisory Committee meeting.

New Degrees

The lower division Technology Management A.S. will be replaced with the Computer Information Technology A.S beginning next Spring. This degree will be for people who will be running helpdesks, and other jobs that require this skill set. CCIT may also be developing a new four year B.S. degree. Committee members are asked to think over what degrees could be offered, and bring their ideas to the next meeting for discussion. The Dean will also bring several models for the new degree to the meeting.

Next Advisory Meeting

September 24th, 2015. The meeting is from 7:30 am to 9:00 am, Seminole Campus, room TL108.
- Meeting-7:30 am to 9:00 am
- Breakfast-9:00 am to 10:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 9:30